(iii) District Collectors have been made responsible for the proper organization of the Gram Sabha wherever required under the Act.

(iv) The Gram Sabha and Ward Sabha are to identify and select the projects to be taken up in the Gram Panchayat. Gram Sabha will be held regularly to ensure social audit. All information relating to flow of funds, works, workers, muster rolls, measurement books, sanction orders, cash book and all other records and registers shall be placed in the Gram Sabha. There shall be video documentation of the proceedings of all Gram Sabhas.

**Viability of SEZs in present economic scenario**

*139. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any study or assessed the impact of the recent global economic slowdown on the use and future of the numerous Special Economic Zones (SEZs) sanctioned in the country in the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the international economic slowdown will have an impact on Indian exports;

(c) if so, whether Government will do a re-think on the utility of the SEZs in the near future;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the targets of new units have fallen behind in the SEZs; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to review the viability of SEZs in the present economic scenario?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. SEZs have made significant contribution to the exports from the country. Exports for 2007-08 from SEZs were around Rs. 66,638 crores and during April, 2008 to December, 2008 exports have been around Rs. 66,160 crores. It is expected that SEZs would generate exports of around Rs. 90,000 crores for the year 2008-09. SEZs have also brought in investments of around Rs. 1,01,906 crores so far. Therefore, there is no need to rethink on the utility of the SEZs in the near future.

(d) No specific targets have been set by Government for the SEZ units as these are in either private sector or joint sector.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

**Habitations under PMGSY**

†*140. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the details of unconnected habitations having population of 250, 500 and 1000 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of reasons for not connecting these habitations;

(c) by when these habitations are likely to be connected;

(d) the details of funds released under this scheme during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the details of habitations which were connected by roads under this scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages all weather connectivity to all habitations with population 250 or more in Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand), Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and Tribal (Schedule V) Areas and 500 or more in other parts of the country as per 2001 census. As a part of Bharat Nirman initiative, all habitations with population 500 or more in Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand), Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and Tribal (Schedule V) Areas and all habitations with population of 1000 or more in other parts of the country are targeted to be connected by all weather roads under the scheme.

Out of 1.67 lakh unconnected habitations eligible under PMGSY, clearance has been accorded to projects worth Rs. 88,625.02 crore for construction/upgradation of 3,48,494.10 km. of rural roads which will provide all weather connectivity to 86,709 eligible habitations. Out of this, 53,555 habitations have already been connected under PMGSY and works are in different stages of execution for connecting other habitations. State-wise details of status of connectivity of habitations having population 250, 500 and 1000 or more eligible under PMGSY have been given in Statement-I. (*See* below).

As per PMGSY guideline, habitations with population 1000 and more have been assigned priority I followed by habitations with populations more than 500. Eligible habitations with population 250 and more but less than 500 have been assigned priority III. This priority is generally followed while taking up road works for construction by the States.

It is expected that Bharat Nirman targets will be achieved by end of Financial Year 2009-10 and the remaining habitations eligible under PMGSY are expected to be provided with all weather connectivity by end of Twelfth Five Year Plan.

State-wise details of fund released during last three years including FY 2008-09 are given as Statement-II. (*See* below).

Details of habitations connected under PMGSY in last three years including FY 2008-09 is given in Statement-III.

***Statement-I***

*State-wise connectivity status of Habitations under the PMGSY*

| # | States | Eligible unconnected Habitations | | | Eligible Habitations being covered under PMGSY | | | Eligible Habitations covered by other Schemes | | | Habitations covered incidentally | | | Balance Habitations to be covered | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1000+ | 500-999 | 250-499 | 1000+ | 500-999 | 250-499 | 1000+ | 500-999 | 250-499 | 1000+ | 500-1000 | 250-500 | 1000+ | 500-999 | 250-499 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 167 | 417 | 396 | 160 | 399 | 354 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 18 | 42 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 49 | 127 | 290 | 44 | 97 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 30 | 123 |
| 3. | Assam | 7323 | 4862 | 0 | 5079 | 2202 | 0 | 1308 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1399 | 936 | 2660 | 0 |
| 4. | Bihar | 8187 | 1847 | 0 | 5579 | 1373 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2608 | 474 | 0 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 1660 | 4507 | 3688 | 1653 | 3564 | 1511 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 943 | 2177 |
| 6. | Goa | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 442 | 2065 | 1154 | 390 | 1555 | 72 | 25 | 176 | 170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 334 | 912 |
| 8. | Haryana | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 236 | 982 | 2643 | 217 | 836 | 1112 | 13 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 53 | 1531 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 785 | 942 | 1065 | 632 | 444 | 214 | 17 | 38 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 460 | 838 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 2637 | 4327 | 3042 | 1710 | 1328 | 909 | 869 | 955 | 412 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 2044 | 1721 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | Karnataka | 156 | 118 | 0 | 151 | 118 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 418 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. | Kerala | 121 | 333 | 0 | 118 | 317 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 3 | 16 | 0 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 5982 | 10949 | 2684 | 5929 | 3754 | 1109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 7195 | 1575 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 201 | 912 | 812 | 177 | 670 | 230 | 19 | 133 | 212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 109 | 370 |
| 16. | Manipur | 80 | 211 | 363 | 72 | 122 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 89 | 276 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 9 | 150 | 597 | 6 | 83 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 67 | 537 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 32 | 104 | 115 | 31 | 60 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 89 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 24 | 44 | 48 | 24 | 41 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 22 |
| 20. | Orissa | 3703 | 6715 | 7921 | 3408 | 2414 | 1214 | 78 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 4282 | 6707 |
| 21. | Punjab | 103 | 433 | 0 | 94 | 324 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 109 | 0 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 2725 | 6428 | 2082 | 2688 | 6178 | 1984 | 37 | 250 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 16 | 138 | 164 | 16 | 138 | 142 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 577 | 1825 | 0 | 549 | 1375 | 0 | 9 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 273 | 0 |
| 25. | Tripura | 169 | 606 | 1177 | 159 | 564 | 867 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 42 | 310 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 10898 | 17944 | 0 | 7408 | 3830 | 0 | 3369 | 10681 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 645 | 121 | 3433 | 0 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 152 | 690 | 1689 | 119 | 325 | 258 | 18 | 29 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 336 | 1401 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 12790 | 10142 | 0 | 5420 | 2403 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1013 | 7370 | 7739 | 0 |

***Statement-II***

*Releases of funds to the States under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years*

| Sl. No | Name of States | 2006-07 Release | 2007-08 Release | 2008-09 Release as on 31.12.2008 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 155.09 | 316.57 | 350.60 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 54.22 | 102.03 | 71.49 |
| 3. | Assam | 431.05 | 555.00 | 692.45 |
| 4. | Bihar | 570.50 | 733.06 | 653.96 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 708.52 | 1050.89 | 337.12 |
| 6. | Goa | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 117.20 | 144.56 | 170.81 |
| 8. | Haryana | 200.43 | 216.21 | 182.02 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 139.90 | 320.58 | 123.58 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir | 0.00 | 72.74 | 91.74 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 56.83 | 0.00 | 79.4 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 45.73 | 271.49 | 272.46 |
| 13. | Kerala | 15.00 | 24.68 | 34.02 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 1165.27 | 1615.66 | 1187.58 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 108.85 | 563.96 | 500 |
| 16. | Manipur | 0.00 | 78.99 | 0 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.9 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 27.00 | 21.96 | 40 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 0.00 | 12.51 | 85.71 |
| 20. | Orissa | 641.78 | 546.83 | 731.63 |
| 21. | Punjab | 80.63 | 360.21 | 143.42 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 1154.06 | 1646.64 | 1204.54 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 36.85 | 174.51 | 0 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 20.00 | 71.03 | 48.68 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25. | Tripura | 74.50 | 143.00 | 303.98 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 325.19 | 1228.40 | 920.16 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 12.79 | 78.74 | 86.66 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 123.69 | 549.69 | 396.33 |
| | TOTAL | 6265.08 | 10899.94 | 8724.24 |

***Statement-III***

*Details of Habitations connected during last three years under PMGSY*

| Sl. No | State | Habitation connected during 06-07 | Habitation connected during 07-08 | Habitation connected during April, 2008 to January, 2009 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 21 | 1 | 0 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 16 | 36 | 16 |
| 3. | Assam | 826 | 843 | 289 |
| 4. | Bihar (REO) | 1029 | 59 | 21 |
| | Bihar (NEA) | 44 | 170 | 125 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 902 | 1097 | 908 |
| 6. | Goa | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 280 | 255 | 231 |
| 8. | Haryana | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 307 | 295 | 303 |
| 10. | Jammu and Kashmir* | 0 | 49 | 81 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 139 | 130 | 124 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| 13. | Kerala | 57 | 24 | 43 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 1427 | 2032 | 1377 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 332 | 41 | 48 |
| 16. | Manipur | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 13 | 9 | 9 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18. | Mizoram | 1 | 14 | 7 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 0 | 5 | 10 |
| 20. | Orissa | 543 | 490 | 628 |
| 21. | Punjab | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 1998 | 3055 | 1102 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 11 | 10 | 31 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 147 | 185 | 104 |
| 25. | Tripura | 80 | 75 | 128 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 1497 | 1268 | 902 |
| 27. | Uttarakhand | 21 | 72 | 82 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 1087 | 1109 | 417 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 10801 | 11336 | 7009 |

* State modified Habitations connected in Phase-I and II *vide* letter No. CE/PMGSY/J/4429-30 dated 28.12.2007

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Genetically modified food products

857. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI ISHWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that imported Genetically Modified (GM) food products are entering Indian supermarkets and food chains unchecked;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has taken any action to check the illegal entry of GM food products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) As per the Foreign Trade Policy, the import of Genetically Modified Organism (GMOs) and Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) for the purpose of (i) Research and Development (R & D); (ii) Food; (iii) Feed; (iv) Processing in Bulk and (v) for Environment release will be governed by the provisions of the Environment Protection Act 1986 and Rules 1989. The import of any Food, Feed, raw or